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## Week In Review

### Negotiators reach international deal on HFCs

The 197 countries involved in the Montreal Protocol finalized a deal cutting the use of hydrofluorocarbons, an intense greenhouse gas, signing the deal on Saturday. HFCs are widely used in refrigerants and air-conditioning units. Although they're not emitted as prolifically as carbon dioxide, they have a more intense, but short-lived, effect.

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### Dakota Access opponents vow to keep up fight after court rejects injunction request

On Sunday night, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the Standing Rock Sioux's request to halt construction of the controversial Dakota Access pipeline due to historic preservation concerns. But construction on federal land around Lake Oahe is still paused as the Obama administration reviews whether it should give permission for construction there.

Shortly after the ruling, the Standing Rock Sioux and supporting advocacy groups vowed to keep up the fight against the pipeline. And five senators, led

by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), called on President Obama to reject the pipeline, calling it "a violation of tribal treaty rights."

### **Wikileaks emails: Podesta floated Steyer for Energy Secretary, didn't want to 'water down' Clean Power Plan**

John Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, suggested to an Obama administration aide in 2008 that Tom Steyer could be Secretary of Energy, according to a leaked email published by Wikileaks. Podesta was president of the Center for American Progress at the time.

In 2015, Podesta sent Steyer an angry email, according to the leaks, over a *New York Times* story in which Steyer declined to back a Democratic candidate for president until hearing more about their platforms on climate change.

In another email, Podesta said he was "offended" that liberal activist Sandy Newman suggested the Obama administration should "water down," in Podesta's words, the Clean Power Plan "to get more support from the middle of the roaders on Capitol Hill."

Another leaked email shows campaign manager Robby Mook said he didn't want Clinton to expressly support a carbon tax, because such a far-left position would be "lethal in the general" election.

### **Judge accuses Massachusetts AG of acting in 'bad faith' in Exxon investigation**

U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade issued a discovery order in the legal battle between Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey and Exxon Mobil Corp. that could allow an intrusive examination of Healey's communications documents. Kinkeade questioned whether Healey acted in "bad faith" in launching an investigation into when ExxonMobil knew about compelling evidence showing mankind's role in climate change.

### **Campaigns put spotlight on energy, climate**

Energy issues became a bigger focus than usual in the presidential race and congressional campaigns. Al Gore campaigned with Hillary Clinton on Tuesday at Miami Dade College, where they both said climate change contributed to the strength of Hurricane Matthew, which had struck Florida five days prior.

The LCV Victory Fund, EDF Action, and the Sierra Club launched a \$1.85 million ad campaign against Rep. Joe Heck (R-Nev.), who is running for the

Senate. An English-language ad ties Heck to the Koch brothers, and a Spanish-language ad ties him to Donald Trump.

EDF Action also launched a \$250,000 ad campaign on Thursday backing Reps. Bob Dold (R-Ill.) and Pat Meehan (R-Pa.), praising both lawmakers for co-sponsoring a bipartisan bill that would create a commission to study economically viable climate policies.

Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, a conservative group that supports action on climate change, also said it will spend more than \$1 million backing 10 candidates this year.

The conservative American Energy Alliance released a list of 140 Republicans who scored at least 90 percent on its inaugural scorecard judging them on votes and co-sponsored bills supporting pipeline infrastructure and opposing clean-energy tax credits, among other issues.

## What's Ahead

One of the most controversial events of the week won't happen. The Environmental Protection Agency delayed its scientific advisory panel meeting on the safety of the herbicide glyphosate for sometime later this year. It was originally scheduled for Oct. 18-21.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a field hearing on Tuesday in Honolulu, Hawaii, about water management.

## Mark Your Calendars (All Eastern Times)

### Monday

Masao Uchibori, governor of Japan's Fukushima Prefecture, speaks at CSIS about revitalization efforts

**3 p.m.**

2016 Distributed Sun New Energy Summit

**7 p.m.**

## **Tuesday**

2016 Distributed Sun New Energy Summit **8 a.m.**

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Hosnia Hashim, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Petrochemical Industries Company of Kuwait, speaks at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy **10 a.m.**

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EIA Administrator Adam Sieminski speaks at the American Gas Association's Natural Gas Roundtable **12 p.m.**

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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee holds a field hearing in Honolulu, Hawaii on water management **4 p.m. ET**

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## **Wednesday**

Council of Industrial Boiler Owners holds its annual meeting in Woodstock, Vt.

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## Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

- 1)** EPA employees won't face charges over Colorado mine spill  
Timothy Cama, The Hill
- 2)** Don't count on Congress to tackle climate change, says Obama adviser  
John Siciliano, Washington Examiner
- 3)** Court denies tribe's request to halt pipeline construction  
Devin Henry, The Hill
- 4)** Top green group to spend at least \$40 million this election, shattering past records  
Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post
- 5)** Federal judge in Texas gives Exxon right to see Mass. attorney general's records  
Steven Mufson, The Washington Post
- 6)** We're placing far too much hope in pulling carbon dioxide out of the air, scientists warn  
Chelsea Harvey, The Washington Post
- 7)** Activists shut down cross-border oil pipelines  
Timothy Cama, The Hill
- 8)** Gasoline Prices Around the World: The Real Cost of Filling Up  
Bloomberg News
- 9)** Leaked email: Podesta pushed Tom Steyer for Obama's Cabinet  
Timothy Cama, The Hill

**10) OPEC's Quiet Man Is at Center of Cuts Deal Nobody Saw Coming**  
Angelina Rascoet and Salah Slimani, Bloomberg News



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